

Background

Born: District of Valmiera, 1899, Latvia.

Education: Graduated high school in Valka
Studied at Riga Commerce Institute.

Career: Arrested by Bolshevik revolutionary regime organizations,
1-19 for patriotic activities in Latvian youth organization.
Joined Latvian National guard after escaping from prison;
Joined Latvian National army and participated in war of liberation
with rank of Lieutenant.

Journalist with a number of Latvian newspapers.
1930 member of Latvian Seiza (parliament) as representative of
Farmers Union. Since 1934, member of Latvian cabinet of Ministers.
Minister of Social Affairs, June 17, 1936.
Fled to Sweden via Estonia and Finland. Representative for Latvian
exiles in Sweden to conference of Latvian ministers and envoys at
Geneva, 1940.
1941 arrested by Nazis in Berlin, transported, Sachsenhausen Concentra-
tion Camp in Berlin.
1945 escaped to Denmark. Lived in a camp till 1946 working as a
journalist and member of anti-Soviet exile organizations.
Emigrated to the U.S. under DP act. Arrived in New York, 1950.
Wife, son and daughter have been deported to Siberia by Soviet
Secret Police.

Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, German, Latvian.

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